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Planners Call Bluff (Street) on Renaming

If Torrance residents want a Spanish name for their street to give it more class, the Planning Commission certainly has no objection.

This was indicated Wednesday when they received a petition from 13 residents who reside on a segment of Bluff St., which was recently extended from Wilmington Ave. and 242nd St. on the east to Vista Montana on the west.

The owners of the newly developed tract asked that the name of their street be changed to a Spanish-sounding name such as Calle de Primero or Calle de Rosa.

The signers, headed by Myles Hamilton, claim that their street actually has no connection with the old Bluff St., which has been there for more than a generation, and besides, all the other streets in the area have Spanish names.

Commission President Bert Lynn, aware that Bluff St. had been there a long time, but believing that residents should have a choice about their street name, agreed.

He promptly suggested calling the road "Avenida de Bluff."

Other helpful commissioners went farther. They recommended Calle de Bluff, Paseo de Bluff, Camino de Bluff, Vista de Bluff, Via de Bluff, or any other Spanish word for street, providing it contains the word Bluff.

This accomplished, they passed the whole matter along to the City Council for final action in about a week.

The matter will receive utmost consideration, since one of the city fathers resides on old Bluff STREET.

Boys Escape Death in Airplane Crash Landing

Two Youngsters Unhurt in Crash Landing Near Beach

Two little boys are probably hoping their first airplane ride will be the most adventurous of their lives—it nearly was their last. They were passengers aboard a Culver Cadet two-seater which made an emergency landing on the beach in Hollywood Riviera Thursday and flipped over when the wheels hit a rough spot.

But Chris Jefferson, 6, of 5025 Stevann St., and his cousin, Bruce Sutton, 8, of 21512 Vickie St., were more concerned with eating than the minor bruises they suffered.

"We're hungry," they chorused on returning home.

The boys were taken on their first airplane ride of their lives by Chris' father, Thomas Jefferson, a mechanic for United Air Lines, who hopes to obtain his commercial pilot's license.

They took off from Torrance Municipal Airport and made a wide loop over the city. Somewhere along the flight in the two-seater, the single engine developed trouble.

Jefferson got ready to set the craft down on the smooth beach, but as he glided it down, he noticed that people were on the beach. This forced him to land on rough terrain near the foot of Ave. I in Hollywood Riviera.

As the plane landed, it flipped on its back, just 10 feet from the water.

Jefferson required some stitches under his lip while the youngsters escaped almost completely unharmed.

Roundup Prevents Brawls

A threatened gang fight, brewing for several days, was broken up by police when they picked up 56 teenaged boys and girls for curfew violations Friday night.

Capt. John Maestri said that police were informed Friday afternoon that a major fight was to take place between Torrance High School students, and those of Wilmington, Gardena and San Pedro.

Sixteen officers started cracking down on loitering youths in the downtown area and at Torrance Park shortly after 10 p.m.

All of them were brought to the station and held until their parents picked them up. They will have to report to the juvenile bureau within the next 10 days.

Officers said that bad feelings between the schools were apparently caused by a basketball game.

Although police searched the persons of those detained and their cars, they said they did not find any weapons.

Most of the youths were between 13 and 17 years old.

Maestri warned that the 10 p.m. curfew will be strictly enforced in the future against all youths found loitering without any legitimate reason for being on the streets after curfew.

He added that special patrols will be made of drive-ins and other late spots in town.

City in Job Ban

'Moonlighting' Barred for Torrance City Employees

A crackdown on "moonlighting" by city employees was ordered by City Manager George Stevens, effective April 1.

The order means that city workers will no longer be able to hold down outside jobs or face suspension or dismissal from their posts.

Instruction to enforce the city code section was understood to have been given to Stevens by the City Council at a recent closed door session.

Cites Jobless The ban on off-duty employment was circulated to all departments Thursday.

Stevens' memo quotes George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO as saying that unemployment remains this country's No. 1 problem, and explains that the order will be enforced in order that jobless persons may get jobs now held by city employees in their off-duty time.

"There have been some complaints that employees who hold outside jobs have come to their city jobs bleary-eyed," Chapman L. Bone, assistant city manager, reported of the meeting at which the matter was discussed.

Another reason for the order is because there have been reports that employees who suffered injuries on an outside job, claimed that they were hurt on their municipal jobs, he said.

Bone said that although the ban on outside employment has been in the law books for a long time, it was not enforced in the past.

He said that violators face probable suspension and possible dismissal from their city jobs.

It was learned that some employees will contest the edict on grounds that it is unconstitutional to restrict employees on their own time.

Bone said that although the ban will affect all employees, most of the outside work done now is by members of the police and fire departments because of their more flexible hours.

Missing Salesman Sought

A search began Friday for a Torrance insurance salesman, missing since Wednesday afternoon, and believed by his wife to be the victim of foul play.

Joseph Howard Furguivele, 39, of 1824 Andreo St., has not been seen by his wife, Vivian, since he left to call on two clients at about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Furguivele, a nurse who works nights, said that her husband borrowed her pink Thunderbird to make the two calls and collect insurance premiums that evening.

Detectives sent out teletypes with the description and license number of the car, but have not had any further clues.

Mrs. Furguivele said she fears her husband may have become the victim of a robbery. She pointed out that her husband has never stayed away from home during the 15 years of their marriage.

Phone Workers Seek Pay Raise in Torrance Area

The Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, which represents about 15,000 employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Southern California, today gave the demands it will make during the contract negotiations which start March 2.

These demands include a substantial wage increase, improved vacations, elimination of locality differentials, and other fringe benefits.

William Gibson, President of Local 9506, which covers the Torrance area, claims that wages in the telephone field have lagged behind those in other comparative industries, and that vacation benefits in the telephone industry are much less liberal than those provided by the other utilities in the area.



SAFE LANDING—Bruce Sutton, 8, and his cousin, Chris Jefferson, 6, re-enact with toy airplane how the real airplane in which they rode crash landed on beach Thursday afternoon. Boys escaped with slight bruises, while Chris' father, who piloted the plane, required a few stitches.

Margie Misses Chow in Foiled Escape From Jail

Margie Dutton, 28, is in county jail serving a 90-day sentence today, despite a brief flurry of freedom when she escaped from the crowded courtroom Wednesday afternoon. Police arrested the convicted panhandler, who claims to own four houses, at the home of a resident who was giving her food.

Mrs. Dutton, who has a string of arrests in her police record, turned up at the home of Mrs. Fred Bacon, 1303 Portola Ave., after she fled from Judge Otto B. Willett's court following sentencing.

Mrs. Bacon said that the fugitive asked to use her phone and for a glass of milk. When Mrs. Dutton mentioned that she was trying to stay out of jail because she was in "no condition," Mrs. Bacon sent her children to a neighbor's home to call police.

The officers arrived just before the escaped prisoner had a chance to eat the dinner the hospitable Mrs. Bacon fixed for her.

Mrs. Dutton was arrested here after she solicited \$9 from a sewing class at the Torrance Woman's Club and from several churches. At her arrest she had more than \$120 in her possession.

More Yak-Yak Reported Here During 1958

Torrance residents were much more chatty last year than they were in 1957.

This was pointed out by R. S. Pyle, manager of the Pacific Telephone Co. office here. He said that the FAIRfax exchange subscribers made 2300 more calls per day in 1958, when 60,900 daily conversations took place.

He added that the number of subscribers increased by 500 to a new high of 14,000 stations.

Merchants Plan Campaign Against Parking 'Hogs'

A self-policing campaign to eliminate parking hogs was launched this week by the Downtown Retail Merchants Association.

The organization is crusading against merchants and their employees whose cars occupy parking spaces that should be used for customer shopping.

The group urged that merchants who see other businessmen and their employees park all day in spaces, or move their vehicles around in the same general area, report this to the association's parking committee or the police.

Bone to Probe Fire Complaints

Chapman L. Bone, assistant city manager, will investigate complaints made by Fire Engineer Jerry R. Hollomon against departmental conditions.

Hollomon brought the charges after he was refused a hearing before the Civil Service Commission on his complaints that he was passed over for promotion for personal reasons.

DRIVER KILLED

Charles H. Breuer, 38, of 335 W. 223rd St., was killed when his milk truck flipped on top of him in a collision with a car at Florence and Normandie Aves., Wednesday, police reported.



RARING TO GO—Is Municipal Judge Otto B. Willett as he is wheeled out of old court at 1511 Cravens Ave. for move to the new \$300,000 building in the civic center. Giving the judge a ride in his swivel chair is Deputy Marshal Curtis Harding. New court house opens Tuesday.

J. C. Penney Store to Be Completed Here in Fall

A new J. C. Penney store will be ready for completion in the Del Amo Shopping Center in early fall, it was announced today by Coldwell, Banker & Co., leasing agents.

The store, the 166th of the chain in California, will contain 70,000 square feet of floor space and will become one of the major tenants in the new shopping center at Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds.

Designed and engineered by Welton, Becket and Associates, the J. C. Penney Store will be adjacent to the Broadway Del Amo and other major stores

such as Sears, Roebuck which is slated for completion in August.

Proposing modern, easy-to-shop facilities, escalators will transport customers within the two-story, \$900,000 structure, Albert W. Hughes, chairman of the board, announced.

Delivery and disposal service is to be handled by underground truck tunnel serving all the center's tenants. A 30,000 square foot addition is planned for the future of the store which will be the only one in the chain serving a 500,000 population center.

Airport Building Clamp Relaxed

A building ban zone at Torrance Municipal Airport was lifted this week, when councilmen decided they will not develop it for instrument landings.

They made the policy decision in granting permission to the Mayflower Trailer Co. to expand on land which has to date been held undeveloped except for parking.

If instrument guidance systems were to be used here, a 1000 foot free zone would have to be provided.

Youngster Killed in Auto Mishap

A six-year-old boy was killed when struck by a car on Plaza del Amo Friday afternoon.

Dead on arrival at Riviera Hospital was Jose Medrano, 6, of 263 Plaza del Amo, who had been walking across the street, officers said.

The driver of the car, Bruno Joseph Uberti, 28, an engineer of 4029 W. 184th St., was not held.

APPROVE ADDITION

An addition to the Kellogg Supply Co., 23924 South Figueroa St., Harbor City, was approved by the County Regional Planning Commission this week.

WILL SPEAK ON FORUM

Ellis P. Owen, 17701 Falda Ave., has accepted another program position on technical sessions of the 11th Western Metal Congress March 16-20 in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.



FIRM LOCATES HERE—This is an architect's planned for completion in the Del Amo Shopping Center in early fall.



NEW BUS SERVICE—Marshall Chamberlain, city bus superintendent, welcomes Mrs. L. Krieter of Palos Verdes and her daughter, Patricia, 3, aboard a bus as service to Del Amo Shopping Center is inaugurated Thursday as William Belding, general manager of the Broadway Del Amo, watches. New service will connect shopping center with downtown Torrance and downtown Los Angeles.